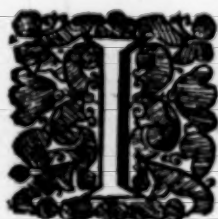


SOME
ARGUMENTS
Against filling up the
PARLIAMENT
WITH
NEW MEMBERS
Under any Previous OATH or ENGAGEMENT.

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T will introduce the Cavalier and Sectarian Interests and exclude the conscientious Interest.

II. It doth enforce the Nation to subject themselves to a form of Government, set up by a hand which they cannot own as a Full and Free Parliament, and obligeth their Representatives not to alter it whatsoever mischiefs and inconveniences they suffer by it, which is a high violation of the just Freedome and due liberty of all Supreme Authority in the Nations Representatives.

III. This Engagement is not made to the Nation, being against their sense and desires, expressed in their Declarations and Remonstrances to his Excellency; and if to the Imposers, then it sets up their Personal Interest only, and excludes the National.

IV. It is against the Fidelity of a Trustee to submit to any Oath or Engagement that shall restrain him from speaking the Sense of the People whom he represents, and from endeavouring that which in his conscience he shall judge best and most conducive to their safety and welfare, and hereby he is disabled to act as a publick Person, so as to discharge his trust.

V. There will be a necessity of continuing a force upon the House, which hitherto hath kept out the Major part, first secluded in 1648. without any legal proceedings against them, or just Cause declared for their Seclusion, and must now be employed to keep out those that shall be newly elected by the People, if their consciences cannot submit to the Engagement that shall be imposed; and hereby the Nation are kept under an impossibility of being fully represented in Parliament, which must continue our distempers and grievances without remedy.

VI. Experience hath shewed us the insufficiency of such kind of Engagements to answer the expected end; for that Engagement imposed in 1649. and other Oaths since, were so far from securing the Interests of the Imposers that they produced quite contrary effects, and have successively occasioned many new and dangerous distempers in the Nation.

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